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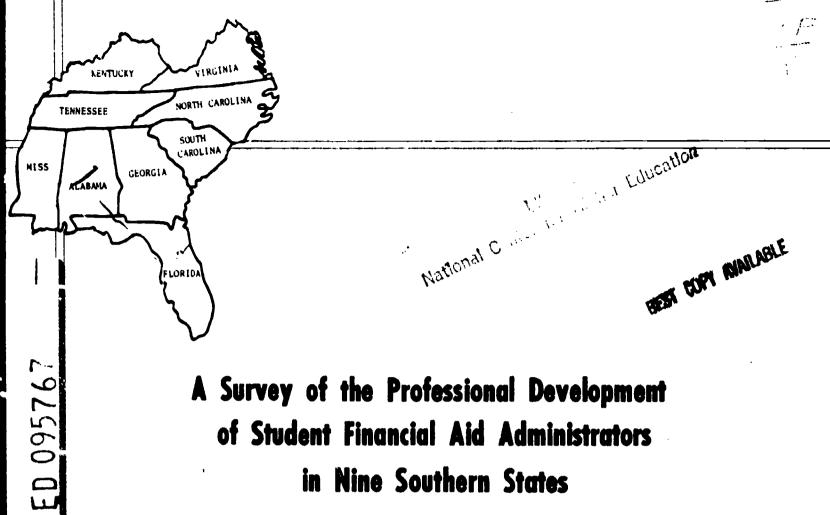
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ABSTRACT

This survey was designed to measure the level of professional development of student financial aid administrators; their academic background, their professional characteristics, and their needs for future development. A questionnaire was mailed to student aid administrators at 600 institutions of higher education located in nine southern states. A total of 433 questionnaires were returned. Results of the survey were divided into seven major areas of emphasis: background characteristics, professional characteristics, academic background, job orientation, maintaining professional competence, degree of professionalization, and needed professional development. Major findings include: (1) annual turnover in the aid profession in the South was low; (2) three out of five aid administrators were rated at a medium-to-high level of professional development, and over half the respondents directed moderate-to-large aid programs; (3) slightly more than three out of five respondents had primary responsibility for determining aid policies on their campuses; and (4) demographic data revealed that men outnumbered women three to one. Additional findings and statistical data are presented. (MJM)





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The Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) is a professional education organization founded in February 1964. The primary objectives of SASFAA are to promote the professional competency and association of student financial aid administrators in colleges, universities, government agencies, foundations, and others associated with private and community organizations concerned with the support and administration of student financial aid programs, and to promote such systematic studies, cooperative experiments, conferences and other related activities as may be desirable or required to fulfill the purposes of this association.

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PREFACE

In 1964, about twenty men of vision gathered at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville to talk about the newest education administrator, the Student Financial Aid Administrator, and some of the problems facing him. Mr. James F. Carr, then Director of Financial Aid at Florida State University, was elected acting chairman of the group and the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) was founded. Through hard, dedicated work, these founders generated interest in the aid programs of Higher Education and were successful in raising the interest of others throughout the region. Today, the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators has more than 491 active, dues-paying members.

The association has never lost the momentum it inherited from its founders. By the end of the sixties, it
was conducting workshops to prepare and strengthen aid administrators; its annual meetings were known for their excellent
calibre and the fine professional contacts and discussions;
it had been successful in establishing a state association
of Student Financial Aid Administrators in each of the nine
Southern states; and it has provided a forum for discussion
of legislation and other matters affecting student Financial
Aid.

But, the membership of SASFAA was not content, and



with the beginning of the seventies, members began looking critically at the association to determine if, with all of its activities, it was indeed a profession in the true meaning of the word. They recognized that all of the ingredients were present and with some channeling of effort, it could claim to be a profession. Thus was born another major thrust. In May, 1971, the executive committee, acting for the association, voted to launch a five-part professional development program, to span a minimum of three years. This program was conceived to promote the professional development of those persons charged with the vital tasks of administering funds and providing financial counseling to those needy students who are motivated to seek post-secondary education. To this end, the professional development program of SASFAA is involved in the following activities: (1) a survey of financial aid administrators of the Southern region, (2) a curriculum models committee, (3) a committee on principles and practices (ethics) of financial aid, (4) an evaluative services committee, and (5) a continuing education committee.

As the first step in this program, the executive committee commissioned Mr. O. Wayne Chambers, then Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to conduct an extensive survey of the financial aid administrators in the area served by the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, that is, the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,



Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. This publication is the result of Mr. Chambers' dedicated effort. It contains a wealth of information, which can be used in innumerable and exciting ways.

This study represents a first step along the road to true professionalism. This must be our goal, for it will only be through the development of a high level of professionalism that we, as a group, will reach the peak of service we owe to our clientele, the students.

The Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators is indebted to Mr. Chambers for this springboard for the future development and strengthening of our association.

Eunice Edwards President Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Student financial aid services have been offered for years on the campuses of institutions of higher education, but only in the last decade has there been a noticeable trend toward a definite organization of these services. One of the emerging professions in American higher education is student financial aid administration.

In the early 1960's more and more institutions began to centralize student financial aid services. A "new" administrator was employed, mostly on a part-time basis, to direct these services to an ever-increasing number of students. In 1967, George Nash reported that 78 percent of student financial aid administrators performed other administrative work in addition to aid administration (Nash, 1967, p. 1.10).

In 1970, Warren W. Willingham reported that the parttime student financial aid administrator who works without
additional professional support is largely a phenomenon of
the college with a small aid program (Willingham, 1970, p.
7). As the aid profession continues to develop, the aid
administrator is spending more and more of his time in
matters that relate directly to student financial aid
administration.



Professional student financial aid administration of today is much too young to be as well disciplined as law or medicine. However, it is too useful in our institutions of higher education to be defined narrowly in its operation. Student financial aid administration is vital to higher education. Recent research (Cross, 1971) has indicated that student financial aid will play even a greater role in higher education in the future. In her new book, Beyond the Open Door, Cross focused sharply upon the "new" students to higher education and suggested that sufficient financial aid be available to them as far as their interest and ability take them. It seemed quite clear that many of the new students to higher education, as defined by Cross, will definitely need some type of financial assistance (Pross, 1971, pp. 161-62).

It is the responsibility of the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) to be certain that the student financial aid administrators in this region are prepared for the challenge of the future. It is imperative that SASFAA continue its professional development program to prepare its members to assist the students of higher education on a professional basis. The data collected in this survey were intended to measure the organization's readiness and direct its future course of action.



CHAPTER II

JUSTIFICATION

Every profession either becomes increasingly functional in the culture it serves, or it slowly loses its effectiveness. A healthy profession is always in transition because the conditions which dictate its service are always in a state of change (Pierce & Albright, 1960, p. iii).

Melvene D. Hardee, professor of higher education at Florida State University, has stated, "There is no group more involved in the quest for improving the quality of human life than are the student financial aid officers" (Hardee, 1970, p. 7). If the student financial aid profession is to continue to measure up to Professor Hardee's statement, then it must improve its services to students. The profession must look at where it stands professionally and be willing to take courses of action that lead to improvements. George Strauss emphasized that almost every occupation—from rodent killer on up—calls itself a profession. But the weight of academic thought regards true professionalism as involving at least four values:

- 1. The professional claims that his occupation requires "expertise," that is, specialized knowledge and skills which can be obtained only through training....
- 2. The professional claims "autonomy," the right to decide how his function is to be performed....



- 3. The professional feels a "commitment," to his calling....
- 4. The professional feels a "responsibility," to society for the maintenance of professional standards of work (Strauss, 1963, p. 8).

Since no one really knows how well student financial aid administrators measure up to these values or other definitions of professionalism, research is needed. This survey was an attempt to study and analyze student financial aid administrators in the Southern region of the United States.

The primary objective of this survey, therefore, was to measure the level of professional development of student financial aid administrators: their academic background, their professional characteristics, and their needs for future development.

This survey will serve as a beginning of future research projects within the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. SASFAA must continue to evaluate the student financial aid administrator and the functions he performs in American higher education in order to maintain his professional development.



CHAPTER III

PROCEDURES AND METHODOLOGY

The instrument used to collect the data for this survey was adapted from a questionnaire developed by the Mestern regional office of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB, 1970). (See Appendix C.) By using this instrument it was possible to compare directly the results of this survey with those reported by the College Entrance Examination Board (Willingham, 1970). One major alteration was made to the CEEB questionnaire. Questions 16-23 were added by the investigator to gain additional personal information about the respondents.

The questionnaire, entitled Higher Education Survey, was mailed with a cover memorandum (see Appendix B) on August 20, 1971, to student financial aid administrators at 600 institutions of higher education located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The memorandum was sent as an introduction to the nature and purpose of the questionnaire and as a request for assistance in completing and returning the questionnaire by September 1, 1971.

By September 1, 1971, a total of 275 questionnaires



had been received. Two follow-up letters dated September 10 and September 30, were mailed urging those who had not completed the questionnaire to do so. The final date for including returns in the analysis was October 11, 1971. At that time a total of 388 questionnaires had been received for a 64.7 percent return. Three questionnaires were returned without any identification and forty-two questionnaires were received too late to be included in the analysis. The final number of questionnaires returned totaled 433 out of 600 for a return of 72.2 percent. The highest percentage of responses came from Tennessee and the lowest percentage of responses came from Kentucky. (See Table 1.)*

The data obtained from this survey were transferred to standard coding sheets for keypunching at the University of Tennessee computer center. After keypunching, the data were analyzed using a questionnaire analysis program (Quest) developed by the College Entrance Examination Board. The first printout was completed and returned to the survey director on November 5, 1971. The data were reviewed on December 28, 1971, by a special committee appointed by the president of SASFAA. Final review of the data was the responsibility of the survey director. The results of the investigation appear in Chapter IV.



^{*}All tables referred to in the text of this survey appear in Appendix A.

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

The results of the survey have been divided and outlined into seven major areas of emphasis:

- 1. Background Characteristics
- 2. Professional Characteristics
- 3. Academic Background
- 4. Job Orientation
- 5. Maintaining Professional Competence
- 6. Degree of Professionalization
- 7. Needed Professional Development

It is hoped that the comments that follow will assist those interested in and concerned about the administration of student financial aid to assess properly the level of professionalism within the ranks of student financial aid administrators in the Southern region of the United States.



The results of the survey have been reported as a factual accounting without interpretation or evaluation. It should be emphasized that this work is a survey, not a study. The difference may seem minute, but only if the intent is clear can it be properly evaluated. The sole responsibility for the content of this report rests with the survey director.

1. BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

Several studies (e.g., Nash, 1967; Puryear, 1969)
have documented demographic information about student financial aid administrators. The Nash study reported characteristics of aid administrators at 849 accredited 4-year colleges. Puryear, using the questionnaire developed by Nash, studied the characteristics of aid administrators at 308 junior colleges.

One of the objectives of this survey was to collect data on aid administrators at four basic types of institutions of higher education, in the Southern region of the United States, in order to determine the level of professionalism of aid administrators at each type of institution. Data were received and analyzed from 388 questionnaires returned by aid administrators at private and public 4-year institutions, and private and public 2-year institutions. Public 2-year institutions included junior, community, vocational, and technical schools. A few private proprietary schools that received federal student aid funds were included. The majority of the non-responding financial aid administrators were from private 4-year institutions.

The demographic data revealed that a majority (67.5 percent) of all respondents answering the question concerning sex were men and 16.5 percent of the respondents were women. (See Table 3.) One respondent in six failed to respond to the question regarding sex. Table 3 also indicates



that 12.5 percent of the women were employed at public 4-year institutions, whereas the majority (48.4 percent) of the women were employed at private 4-year institutions. A low percentage (7.8 percent) of women directed large² aid programs.

Further review of the demographic data revealed that the median age of all respondents was 37.3 years. Forty-two percent of the aid administrators in the South were under thirty-six years of age. As expected, 38.7 percent of aid administrators under thirty-six years of age were employed at public 2-year institutions. (See Table 4.) Only 14.1 percent of aid administrators under thirty-six years of age directed large aid programs. Less than one in ten (8.8 percent) aid administrators in this age range was rated at a high level of professionalism. One administrator in five (20.2 percent), under thirty-six years of age had less than one year experience.

2. PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The data in Table 5 indicated that 54.1 percent or 210 aid administrators out of 388 were employed full-time in aid administration. Full-time aid administrators tended

³Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, high means those respondents who checked at least seven professional activities in question 12.



²Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, large means over 1000 applicants.

to direct large aid programs. Three out of five aid administrators at public 4-year institutions had worked in financial aid administration for over three or more years.

Aid administrators at public 4-year institutions had more experience in student financial aid administration than their counterparts. One aid administrator in seven at private 4-year institutions directed a large aid program, and one in four was rated at a high level of professionalism.

Further analysis of Table 5 revealed that only one out of three aid administrators at public and private 2-year institutions devoted full-time to student financial aid administration. This represented a slight increase over the 27 percent reported by Puryear (1969, p. 29).

The data in Table 6 revealed that only a low percentage (14.9 percent) of the respondents had less than one year experience. Most (41.4 percent) of these were concentrated at public 2-year institutions. Almost one half (46.6 percent) of all respondents had over three years experience in aid administration. The turnover rate appeared to be somewhat lower than several years ago. It was discovered from question 3 (see Appendix C) that 305 out of 388, or 78.7 percent, of the respondents were employed as student financial aid administrators last year.

A significant step in the professionalization of aid administrators is shown in Table 7. The data in this table revealed that almost three-fourths (68.8 percent) of the respondents were primarily responsible for determining



aid policies on their campuses. Strauss (1963, p. 8) emphasized "autonomy" as one of the four values of true professionalism, and it appeared that the majority of the respondents were accorded this responsibility. The degree of responsibility of determining aid policies was similar at each type of institution. Nine respondents out of 388, or 2.3 percent, reported that they were slightly responsible. Time or experience in the profession did not appear to affect the degree of responsibility in determining aid policies. Aid administrators who were rated high professionally reported a higher frequency in setting aid policies.

As student financial aid offices became more centralized, they were placed in various administrative structures. There was an apparent trend toward assigning the aid office to the area of student services. The data in Table 8 revealed that slightly more than one in three (34.3 percent) aid administrators reported directly to the dean of students. The next highest percentage of aid administrators (28.9 percent) reported directly to the president. The lowest percentage (5.4 percent) of the aid administrators reported to the dean of admissions. The majority (59.5 percent) of aid administrators in private 2-year institutions reported directly to the president. Other immediate superiors indicated by the respondents included provost, academic dean, dean of the college, vice president, and development director.



The median salary for all respondents was \$10,725, and about one in three (32.7 percent) earned more than \$12,000. The median salary of student financial aid administrators depended on the type of institution that employed The median salary also depended on the size of aid program administered by the respondent and on his experience in the profession. Aid administrators of large programs had a median salary of \$12,888. The data revealed that salaries of aid administrators had not kept pace with inflationary trends. Nash (1967), for example, reported the median salary for aid administrators in 4-year institutions was \$9,760. During the past five years, salaries for this group have increased only 6.7 percent. Another example was found in the September 28, 1970, issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, where it was reported that the lowest median salary (\$10,409) for administrators in higher education went to directors of student financial aid. The median salary for student financial aid administrators in the South, therefore, has increased only \$316, or slightly over 3.0 percent, in the last year.

In summary, the data revealed that 54.1 percent of aid administrators were employed full-time in student financial aid administration. One out of six aid administrators had less than one year experience. A healthy percentage (68.8 percent) were primarily responsible for determining aid policies on their campuses. One aid administrator out



of three reported directly to the dean of students. The median salary for all respondents was \$10,725.

3. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Approximately ninty-five percent of the aid administrators had four or more years of college training; over one half (53.9 percent) had master's degrees; and, 6.4 percent had earned doctorates. (See Table 10.) Almost half (46.4 percent) of aid administrators with master's degrees were employed by public 2-year institutions. There was a marked difference in degrees earned and experience in the aid profession. There was a sharp difference in the level of professionalism and degree earned.

A wide range of majors were reported by the respondents; however, no one major dominated the responses. Fortyone percent of the aid administrators completed their degrees before 1964. Forty-five out of 388, or 11.6 percent, of the aid administrators completed their degrees between 1964-1967, and 112 out of 388, or 28.9 percent, completed the work on their degrees between 1967-1970. Thirty-six out of 388, or 9.3 percent, completed their degrees after 1970. One aid administrator out of six was currently enrolled in a degree program, however, one in three planned to pursue a higher degree in the future.

Table 11 indicates various academic courses that have been taken by aid administrators, and Table 12 reveals



how aid administrators judged these courses. The data in Table 11 revealed that a majority (54.7 percent) of the respondents had taken a course in counseling, and 89.6 percent (see Table 12) of them judged the course "very useful." Only one respondent in seven had taken a course in school law, but 58.5 percent of those who had taken the course judged it "very useful." Table 12 reveals the constant pattern that a larger percentage of aid administrators who had taken a particular course rated the course as "very useful" more often than did all respondents. Only 36.9 percent of all respondents cited research methods as a "very useful" course, whereas the percentage was 71.8 percent among those who had actually taken such a course.

Less than one in five aid administrators had taken a course in data processing or history and philosophy of financial aid. Slightly more than one in five had taken a course in aid administration. Yet Table 12 reveals that a large percentage of all respondents judged these courses "very useful."

Some differences appeared among aid administrators at the several categories of institutions regarding academic courses. For example, 51.4 percent of the administrators at 4-year institutions judged data processing "very useful," while only 39.3 percent of the administrators at 2-year institutions judged the course "very useful."

There were no marked differences in the extent of academic



course work among aid administrators entering the aid profession recently and those who entered the profession several years ago.

In summary, three out of five (60.3 percent) aid administrators surveyed had earned a master's or a higher degree. There were marked differences in the degrees earned and time or experience in the aid profession. No one major area of study emerged to form any type of pattern. About one aid administrator in six was presently enrolled in a graduate program, while 30.9 percent planned to enroll in the future.

4. JOB ORIENTATION

It was apparent from the findings of this survey that there was agreement among the respondents concerning the types of orientation desirable for "new" aid administrators. Typically, three out of four respondents indicated that those types of orientation listed in Table 13 were desirable. Responses from aid administrators at each type of institution were similar concerning the various types of job orientation desirable for new aid administrators.

It was noted in Table 13 that typically three out of four respondents indicated that various types of orientation were desirable, but the data in Table 14 revealed that



⁴Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, new means those respondents with less than one year experience.

approximately one out of three reported having received any such orientation himself. Respondents at private 2-year institutions had received less job orientation than did their counterparts. Table 14 also reveals that aid administrators of large programs had received more job orientation than those who administered small⁵ programs. It was interesting to note that job orientation concerning minority-poverty issues was judged desirable by 170 respondents out of 388, whereas only 39 respondents out of 388 had actually received this type of orientation. One administrator in twenty at public 4-year institutions had received orientation concerning minority-poverty issues (Table 14).

Table 15 lists fifteen workshop topics for the training of new aid administrators. Four of these topics were overwhelmingly preferred as the "most useful" topics for the training of new aid administrators. These included need analysis, preparation of reports, major aid programs, and office procedures. It appeared that the consensus of the respondents was that new aid administrators needed workshop topics that dealt with the immediate, practical problems of aid administration. The responses from each type of institution were similar.

The data in Table 16 revealed that a majority of



⁵Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, small means under 300 applicants.

the respondents (61.1 percent) favored an internship as the preferred method for new administrators to gain experience. Seventy-four respondents (19.1 percent) favored summer institutes and seventy-three (18.8 percent) favored on-the-job training (Table 16). Aid administrators in different situations did not differ markedly in their preferences among methods of gaining experience. Aid administrators at public 4-year institutions were less in favor of summer institutes as a training method than those at other types of institutions.

In summary, it was evident that respondents favored different types of job orientation for new aid administrators, but only a few administrators had actually received job orientation when they entered the aid profession.

Respondents concurred that new aid administrators needed workshop topics that were practical and those that dealt with immediate aid problems. A majority of the respondents favored an internship as the best method by which new aid administrators might gain practical experience.

5. MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

A review of the data in Table 17 indicated that professional meetings and workshops were favored by the largest number of respondents as the preferred methods of maintaining professional competence. It is interesting to note that more than half (53.9 percent) of the respondents



reported that they favored self-study materials as a desirable method for maintaining professional competence.

Occasional coursework was the least favored method. (See Table 17.)

Student financial aid administrators at the 2-year institutions were more likely to regard summer institutes as a preferred method than were administrators from 4-year institutions. The same was true concerning occasional coursework. Table 17 also reveals no significant differences in responses of experienced administrators from those expressed by new administrators.

In maintaining professional competence the experienced aid administrators judged workshop topics which dealt with current events as the "most useful" (Table 18). The experienced respondents, for example, judged topics such as status of aid bills, recent aid literature, and trends in education as the "most useful." The workshop topic least preferred by experienced aid administrators was office procedures. Typically, one respondent in seven at private 2-year institutions checked data processing as being a useful workshop topic (Table 18).

There was a definite correlation between the preferred methods of maintaining professional competence and the percentage of institutions providing released time and reimbursed expenses for activities related to professional development. For example, 96.4 percent of the



institutions provide reimbursed expenses for professional meetings within the state and 82.2 percent provided funds for attendance at workshops (Table 19). A majority of the institutions were also providing released time for professional meetings and workshops (Table 20).

One institution out of three (32.7 percent) was willing to provide released time for occasional coursework and still fewer (23.7 percent) were willing to provide reimbursed expenses. According to the responses, over half (57.7 percent) of the institutions were providing funds for office subscriptions.

In summary, the data revealed that the respondents selected professional meetings and workshops as preferred methods to maintain professional competence. A majority of the institutions were willing to provide released time and expenses for these activities; but they were not willing to provide released time and expenses for occasional coursework. Experienced aid administrators were more concerned about current events than procedural matters. Slightly over half (57.7 percent) of the institutions were willing to pay for office subscriptions.

5. DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALIZATION

Table 21 outlines ten different areas of professional activities. In order to provide some means of determining the degree of professionalization of the respondents,



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the investigator applied Willingham's (1970) definition of professionalism as it related to aid administrators. Each respondent's answers to items in question 12 (see Appendix C) concerning professional activities were scored from zero to ten according to the number of activities checked. Such a procedure provided a rough index of professionalization for each respondent, valid only for group comparisons and to the extent that such items as those listed do represent meaningful professional activities. Like Villingham (1970), the investigator grouped all scores into high, medium, and low levels of professionalization. Since the four most common activities are relatively passive and not very demanding, a score of less than four was designated "low."

A score of four to six was designated "medium," and a score of seven or higher was designated "high."

More than four out of five respondents reported that they read aid newsletters regularly and attended association meetings. Slightly more than three out of five indicated they followed the progress of aid bills and read "The Chronicle of Higher Education" or "Higher Education and National Affairs." Only one aid administrator in five (19.8 percent) had attended ACAC, AACRAO, or APGA meetings. The remaining five professional activities listed in question 12 required somewhat more initiative by the aid administrator, and responses varied a great deal.

There were significant differences in the level of



activity among aid administrators according to their experience. For example, 79.4 percent of aid administrators with over three years experience followed the status of aid bills, whereas only 44.8 percent of the respondents with less than one year checked this activity (see Table 21).

The data in Table 22 revealed that the degree of professionalization varied according to the type of institution, experience, size of aid program, and type of position of the aid administrator. Two out of three aid administrators had attained at least a medium degree of professionalization (Table 22). Table 22 also reveals a pattern of high professionalization among aid administrators at 4-year institutions. Respondents that were rated at a low level of professionalization also formed a pattern. For example:

- 1. 38.9 percent were employed by 2-year public institutions
- 2. 30.5 percent had under one year experience
- 3. 71.0 percent directed small aid programs
- 4. 50.4 percent worked on a part-time basis alone.



⁶Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, medium means those respondents who checked four to six professional activities in question 12.

⁷Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, low means those respondents who checked less than four professional activities in question 12.

7. NEEDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Two out of three aid administrators rated state meetings as a "very important" method of professional development, while two out of five rated regional meetings as a "very important" method. Only one in seven (13.9 percent) rated a national meeting "very important." Over half (54.1 percent) of the aid administrators, however, favored a national convention when answering question 23 (see Appendix C). There were no significant differences in the responses of the professional leaders and those of all respondents. The same was true concerning the respondents at different types of institutions (Table 23).

Very little difference was indicated among respondents at different types of institutions regarding question 14 (see Appendix C) concerning the function of a national executive secretary. The functions most often rated as "very important" were testifying on federal bills and representing the aid profession. The function least rated as "very important" was operating as an employment clearinghouse (Table 24).

Table 25 reveals some interesting professional characteristics of the aid administrators. As hypothesized, responsibility to the student was the characteristic most



⁸Throughout the remaining portion of this survey, professional leaders means those respondents who checked at least seven professional activities in question 12.

often rated "very important." Cther characteristics most often rated "very important" were confidentiality of records and responsibility to the college. There were no significant differences in the judgments of respondents at the different types of institutions, but there was one sizeable difference in response of professional leaders. This group placed greater emphasis upon the aid administrator's relationship with other institutions.

Many recommendations were given in response to the question concerning the single most needed step in furthering the professional development of financial aid administrators. Those most often designated are listed in Table 26. Other recommendations included greater flexibility in federal programs, more publications and research, instruction teams, dedication to the aid profession, additional professional staff, and a higher salary schedule. It was noted that one aid administrator in three failed to respond to question 24 (see Appendix C).



CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

A primary objective of this survey was to measure the present level of professional development of student financial aid administrators, their academic background, their professional characteristics, and their needs for future development. The data for this survey were collected with a revised version of a questionnaire developed by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) and consisted of 120 items pertaining to the professional development of student financial aid administrators. The questionnaire was mailed to student financial aid administrators at 600 institutions located in nine Southern states. This mailing yielded 388 usable returns. Fortytwo questionnaires were received too late to be included in the analysis and three could not be identified.

Major findings include:

1. Annual turnover in the aid profession in the South was low. Four out of five respondents were working in financial aid administration last year. Almost half of the respondents



- had three or more years experience in student financial aid administration.
- 2. Three out of five aid administrators were rated at a medium-to-high level of professional development and over half the respondents directed moderate-to-large aid programs.
- 3. Slightly more than three out of five respondents had primary responsibility for determining aid policies on their campuses.
- 4. Demographic data revealed that men outnumbered women three to one. The median age of the respondents was 37.3 years.
- 5. The immediate superior of the aid administrator tended to be either the dean of students or the president. These two positions accounted for 63.2 percent of those who supervise the work of aid administrators.
- 6. The median salary for aid administrators was \$10,725. Those at public 4-year institutions earned the highest median salary, \$12,222.
- 7. Nine out of ten respondents had four or more years of college training. Two out of three had a master's or higher degree.
- 8. Courses most often designated "very useful" for new aid administrators were counseling and need analysis.



- 9. A majority of the respondents favored an internship as the best method by which new administrators could gain experience. Favored workshop topics for new administrators were need analysis procedures, preparation of reports, and instruction on the major student assistance funds.
- 10. Professional meetings and workshops were the two most favored methods of maintaining professional competence. The favored workshop topics for experienced aid administrators were status of aid bills, recent aid literature, and trends in education.
- 11. Institutions were interested in the professional development of financial aid administrators in a limited sense. For example, a majority of the institutions provided released time and reimbursed expenses for professional meetings and workshops but they did not provide time and expenses for coursework related to the job.
- 12. The steps most often recommended for furthering professional development of the aid administrator were: (1) graduate programs in the aid administration, (2) continuation of training workshops and programs, (3) education of faculty and other administrators on the role of the financial aid administrator, (4) improved



communication, and (5) credentials for entrance into the profession.

Results of the survey suggested a need for further research. Future efforts may be focused on:

- 1. The development of theory in financial aid administration.
- Additional studies of training needs and effective certification provisions for financial aid administrators.
- 3. The design of curriculum models for graduate training.
- 4. Continued investigation of the values and benefits of a national aid association.



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APPENDIX A



TABLE 1

RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE
BY STATES

States	Number Mailed	Number Responses*	Percent Returns
labama	54	42	77.8
lorida	71	50	70.4
Geo rgia	87	50	57.5
Kentucky	46	25	54.3
lississippi	46	32	69.6
orth Carolina	106	74	69.8
outh Carolina	51	36	70.6
ennessee	69	63	91.3
'irginia	70	58	82.9
o Identification		03	
OTAL	600	433	72.2

^{*}Forty-two were received too late to be included in the analysis.



TABLE 2
DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS
BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION

ype of Institution		Respondents	
	Frequency		Percent
Private 4-year	137		35.3
Private 2-year	41		10.6
Public 4-year	83		21.4
Public 2-year	127		32.7



TABLE 3

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS
BY SEX, TYPE OF INSTITUTION,
AND SIZE OF PROGRAM

	AT .	Type of Inst.	stitution	gl	Size o	Size of Program	ram	٠
Sex	Private 4-year	Private Private 4-year 2-year	Public 4-year	Public Public 4-year 2-year	Under 300	300- Over 1000 1000	Over 1000	All Respondents
Male	58.8	66.7	66.3	78.0	69.1	9.77 8.09	77.6	67.5
Female	22.8	21.4	9.6	12.6	17.1	20.8	9.9	16.5
No response	18.4	11.9	24.1	9.4	13.1	18.4	15.8	16.0



TABLE 4

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONDENTS AGE
BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION

	<u>T</u>	ype of In	stitution	<u> </u>	
Age Range	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	All Respondents
21-24	7.4	7.1	2.4	3.1	4.9
25-30	15.4	11.9	31.3	23.6	21.1
31-35	13.2	19.0	8.4	22.8	16.0
36-40	14.7	26.2	18.1	16.5	17.3
41-45	12.5	19.0	10.8	7.1	11.1
46-50	11.8		10.8	11.0	10.1
51-55	12.5	2.4	12.0	10.2	10.6
56-60	6.6	7.1	2.4	3.9	4.9
Over 60	5.1	7.1	3.6	1.6	3.9
Median Age	39.8	35.9	37.0	35.0	37.3



TABLE 5

TYPE OF POSITION HELD BY AID ADMINISTRATORS
BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, TIME IN PROFESSION
AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	Ţ	ype of Posit	ion
	Full-time	Part-time alone*	Part-time with others*
Type of institution			
Private 4-year	60.6 31.7	28.5	10.9
Private 2-year Public 4-year	81.9	56.1 7.2	12.2 9.6
Public 2-year	36.2	52.8	7.9
Time in profession			
Less than 1 year	48.3	43.1	6.9
1-3 years	51.3	41.3	6.7
3-5 years Over 5 years	61.4 55.4	25.0 28.3	11.4 15.2
Size of aid program			
Under 300 applicants	31.3	56.3	11.4
300-1000 applicants Over 1000 applicants	67.7 87.8	23.6	7.1 9.5
All respondents	54.1	34.8	٩.8

^{*}Designation "alone" versus "with others" refers to professional staff only.



TABLE 6

PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE WORKED IN FINANCIAL AID FOR VARIOUS PERIODS OF TIME--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

Percen	t having wo	rked in aid	for:
		Over 3-5 years	Over 5 years
14.6	41.6	21.2	22.6
14.6	34.1	26.8	24.4
9.6	25.3	30.1	34.9
18.9	45.7	18.1	17.3
s 18.8	43.2	18.2	19.9
12.6	46.5	25.2	15.7
s 4.1	17.6	31.1	47.3
14.9	38.7	22.7	23.7
	14.6 14.6 14.6 9.6 18.9	14.6 41.6 14.6 34.1 9.6 25.3 18.9 45.7 s 18.8 43.2 12.6 46.5 s 4.1 17.6	1 year 1-3 years 3-5 years 14.6 41.6 21.2 14.6 34.1 26.8 9.6 25.3 30.1 18.9 45.7 18.1 s 18.8 43.2 18.2 12.6 46.5 25.2 s 4.1 17.6 31.1



TABLE 7

EXTENT TO WHICH AID ADMINISTRATORS REPORT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINATION OF AID POLICIES ON THEIR CAMPUSES--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, SIZE OF AID PROGRAM, TIME IN PROFESSION AND DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM

Degree	of Responsib	ility
Primarily	Partially	Slightly
67.2	27.7	2.9
66.9	28.3	3.9
	25.6	3.4
		1.6
78.4	20.3	1.4
62.1	32.8	3.4
		2.7 1.1
68.5	29.3	2.2
s m		
 58.8	37.4	3.1
72.9	23.4	2.7
77.9	20.6	
68.8	27.8	2.3
	Primarily 67.2 68.3 74.7 66.9 69.9 63.0 78.4	68.3 74.7 74.7 25.3 66.9 28.3 69.9 63.0 78.4 20.3 62.1 70.7 70.5 26.1 68.5 29.3 58.8 72.9 77.9 20.6



TABLE 8

THE AID ADMINISTRATOR'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION

	Ty	pe of In	stitutio	<u>n</u>	
Superior	Private 4-year	Private 2-year			All Respondents
President	32.4	59.5	7.2	29.1	28.9
Dean of Students	18.4	9.5	44.6	52.8	34.3
Dean of Admissions	7.4		8.4	3.1	5.4
Chief Business Officer	19.9	19.0	8.4	3.1	11.9
Other	20.6	11.9	31.3	11.8	19.1
No Response	1.5				.5



TABLE 9

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DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL SALARIES BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, TIME IN PROFESSION, AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	A1	Type of Institution	stitutio		Time in E	Profession	Size Aid Pr	e of Program	
Annual Salary	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under 1 year	Over 3 years	Small	Large	All Respondents
Under \$7,000	15.2	21.4		2.4	11.7	6.2	11.4	1	8.5
\$7,001 to 8,500	21.3	21.4	8.4	6.3	20.0	7.3	13.1	5.3	13.7
\$8,501 to 10,000	23.5	16.7	13.3	19.7	23.3	13.5	18.9	11.8	19.3
\$10,001 to 12,000	19.1	16.7	25.3	29.1	25.0	19.7	25.1	17.1	23.5
\$12,001 to 14,000	12.5	19.0	32.5	23.6	15.0	30.3	20.0	35.5	21.1
\$14,001 to 16,000	3.7	}	13.3	7.9	1.7	11.8	4.6	17.1	6.7
Over \$16,000	2.9	2.4	4.8	7.9	1.7	7.3	4.6	10.5	4.9
No response	1.5	2.4	2.4	3.1	1.7	3.9	2.3	2.6	2.3
Median Salary	\$9,344	9,142	12,222	11,513	9,678	12,222	10,500	12,888	10,725

TABLE 10

HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED BY FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS-BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, TIME IN PROFESSION, SIZE OF AID
PROGRAM, AND DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM

	<u>D</u>	egree Earne	1
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate
Type of institution		<u>, </u>	
Private 4-year	49.3	37.5	4.4
Private 2-year	38.1	42.9	7.1
Public 4-year Public 2-year	36.1 15.7	51.8 76.4	10.8 5.5
Time in profession			
Under 1 year	35.0	55.0	6.7
1-3 years	42.0 33.3	45.3 57.5	5.3 4.6
3-5 years Over 5 years	22.0	63.7	9.9
Size of aid program Under 300 applicants 300-1000 applicants Over 1000 applicants	44.0	58.9 43.2 59.2	7.4 4.8 7.9
Degree of professionali	sm		
Low	37.1	49.2	7.6
Medium	33.5	54.6	4.9
High	29.4	61.8	8.8
All respondents	34.3	53.9	6.4



TABLE 11

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS HAVING TAKEN ACADEMIC COURSES IN VARIOUS AREAS--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND TIME IN PROFESSION

	ដា	Type of In	Institution	gl	Time in P	Profession	
Academic Area	Private Priva 4-year 2-ye	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under 1 year	Over 3 years	All Respondents
Data processing	13.9	14.7	25.3	15.7	20.7	21.7	17.0
History & philosophy of financial aid	17.6	24.4	15.6	11.8	10.3	16.7	16.0
Accounting	38.7	29.3	45.8	27.5	27.6	37.2	35.6
Statistics	38.7	26.8	9.05	26.0	36.2	38.9	35.8
School law	13.1	7.6	21.7	10.2	10.4	16.7	13.7
Need analysis	29.2	26.8	34.9	21.3	12.0	34.4	27.5
Finance & taxation	16.0	7.3	15.6	15.7	12.0	16.1	14.9
Counseling	46.0	46.3	61.4	62.2	58.6	58.3	54.7
Research methods	19.7	21.9	34.9	29.9	27.6	31.1	26.6
Aid administration	19.0	17.1	22.9	22.1	17.2	21.7	20.6

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TABLE 12

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS JUDGING VARIOUS ACADEMIC COURSES
"VERY USEFUL"--BY DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALIZATION AND WHETHER
RESPONDENT HAD DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH A COURSE

	Profession High	onalization Low	Respondents who had such a course	All Respondents
Data processing	73.5	32.1	68.2	46.1
History & philosophy of financial aid	75.0	45.8	79.0	56.9
Accounting	76.5	54.2	84.8	61.4
Statistics	54.4	30.5	72.7	41.5
School law	32.3	19.1	58.5	23.7
Need analysis	83.8	76.3	89.7	9.08
Finance & taxation	30.9	26.0	≎.69	27.6
Counseling	89.7	77.1	9.68	81.7
Research methods	60.3	21.4	71.8	36.9
Aid administration	88.3	80.2	87.5	80.4



TABLE 13

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS JUDGING VARIOUS TYPES OF JOB ORIENTATION DESIRABLE FOR NEW AID ADMINISTRATORS--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	<u> </u>	Type of In	of Institution	di	Size of Aid Progra	ze of Program	
Type of Orientation	Private Private 4-year 2-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Small	Large	All Respondents
Job responsibilities	0.68	87.8	92.2	82.6	83.5	94.6	88.2
Limits of authority	71.5	63.5	68.7	65.4	63.7	72.9	68.1
Institutional policies	88.3	85.4	90.4	76.4	78.9	91.9	84.6
Office administration	76.0	62.9	80.7	71.6	68.2	85.1	74.5
Overview of yearly work	64.9	51.2	74.7	9.09	53.4	78.4	64.2
Program procedures	9.62	80.4	81.9	82.7	78.4	85.1	81.2
Minority/poverty issues	52.3	36.6	9.03	59.8	45.4	56.8	53.1
Relations with other offices	67.8	56.1	75.9	60.7	53.9	78.4	0.99
Procedures manual	78.1	75.6	85.6	79.5	75.0	86.4	79.9



TABLE 14

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PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS WHO RECEIVED VARIOUS TYPES OF JOB ORIENTATION--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	A	Type of In	Institution	 g	Size of Aid Program	of ogram	
Type of Orientation	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Small	Large	All Respondents
Job responsibilities	51.1	46.3	56.6	51.9	47.1	62.2	52.1
Limits of authority	34.3	24.4	27.7	29.2	26.2	32.4	30.2
Institutional policies	54.7	29.3	44.6	41.8	38.6	58.2	45.7
Office administration	32.9	17.1	30.1	26.8	23.3	37.9	28.6
Overview of yearly work	21.9	7.3	26.5	17.3	13.7	28.4	19.8
Program procedures	37.2	36.5	37.3	42.6	34.7	44.6	39.0
Minority/poverty issues	12.4	7	4.8	12.6	5.7	12.2	10.1
Relations with other offices	35.0	19.5	31.3	23.7	18.7	39.2	28.9
Procedures manual	38.7	36.6	44.6	40.2	37.5	43.2	40.2

TABLE 15

PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS INDICATING VARIOUS WORKSHOP TOPICS AS "MOST USEFUL" FOR THE TRAINING OF NEW AID ADMINISTRATORS--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND TIME IN PROFESSION

	្ត 	Type of In	Institution	cl	Time in	Profession	
Workshop Topic	Private Priva 4-year 2-ye	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under 1 year	Over 3 years	All Respondents
			j		1		1
Office procedures	81.0	75.6	-	4.	•	•	•
Research methods	40.8	•	9	4.	•	•	•
Trends in education	43.8	•	3	7.	•	•	•
Preparing reports	88.4	•	2	0	•	•	•
Economic trends	35.8	•	4.	7	•	•	•
Record systems	75.9	•	1.	.	•	•	•
Research findings	35.8	•	&	7.	•	•	•
Status of aid bills	67.3	•	3.	9.	•	•	•
	57.0	70.7	72.3	6.99	65.0	62.2	64.9
Recent aid literature	69.4	•	2	j.	•	•	•
Major aid programs	78.9	•	5	9	•	•	•
Need analysis	9.06	•	4.	9	•	•	•
Data processing	37.2	29.5	1.	7.	•	•	•
Personnel adminis-							,
tration	51.1	48.8	60.2	44.9	36.2	52.2	20.8
Minority/poverty							(
issues	53.3	53,7	46.9	53.5	48.3	57.8	52.1



TABLE 16

PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO FAVOR EACH OF THREE METHODS BY WHICH NEW AID ADMINISTRATORS MIGHT GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, TIME IN PROFESSION, AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	Internship	Summer Institute	On-job- training
Type of institution			
Private 4-year	61.3	21.2	16.8
Private 2-year		24.4	22.0
Public 4-year	68.7	8.4	22.9
Public 2-year	59.1	22.0	17.3
lime in profession			
Under 1 year	56.9	10.3	29.3
1-3 years	62.7	22.7	14.0
3-5 years	60.2	20.5	18.2
Over 5 years	62.0	17.4	20.7
Size of aid program			
Under 300 applicants	55.7	22.2	20.5
300-1000 applicants	61.4	22.0	16.5
Over 1000 applicants	70.3	8.1	21.6
11 respondents	61.1	19.1	18.8



TABLE 17

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS REPORTING THEY WOULD USE, IF AVAILABLE, VARIOUS METHODS OF MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND TIME IN PROFESSION

	শ্র	Type of In	of Institution		Time in Profession	rofession	
	Private Pri 4-year 2-	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under l year	Over 3 years	All Respondents
Occasional coursework	29.2	34.1	31.3	37.0	31.0	66.7	32.7
Workshop	83.2	68.3	80.7	79.5	75.9	77.2	79.9
Professional meetings	90.5	73.2	96.4	85.0	79.3	93.9	88.1
Professional journals	57.7	53.7	78.3	9.09	58.6	6.89	62.6
Summer institute	38.7	39.0	24.1	39.4	29.3	7.72	35.8
Self-study materials	65.0	51.2	49.4	45.7	55.2	28.9	53.9

TABLE 18

	티	Type of In	Institution	cl.	Time in	Profession	
Workshop Topic	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under l year	Over 3 years	All Respondents
Office procedures Research methods Trends in education Preparing reports Economic trends Record systems Record systems Research findings Status of aid bills Interview techniques Recent aid literature Major aid programs Need analysis Data processing Personnel adminis- tration Minority/poverty	27.7 48.9 56.9 36.9 76.6 43.1 47.4	19.5 46.3 46.3 43.9 58.5 58.5	30.1 60.2 67.5 39.8 71.0 83.1 30.1 65.1 49.4	24.4 4.3.3 4.8.0 4.8.0 4.25.4 4.2.2 33.9 33.8	22 29.3 29.3 36.2 36.2 37.7 20.7 20.7 20.7 20.7	24.9 50.6 62.8 51.7 71.1 78.3 78.3 79.9 70.6	26 4 59 . 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3



TABLE 19

PERCENTAGE OF INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING REIMBURSED EXPENSES FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	Ţ	Type of In	stitution	ci	Size of	aid p	aid program	
Activity	Private Private 4-year 2-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under 300	300-	Over 1000	All Respondents
Meetings within state	96.3	92.6	98.8	0.96	94.9	98.4	98.7	96.4
Meetings out-of-state	87.6	65.8	95.2	67.7	71.6	85.1	98.7	80.4
Coursework related to job	24.8	14.6	26.5	23.6	18.7	25.9	31.1	23.7
Outside professional activities	27.7	14.7	22.9	27.5	21.0	29.9	28.4	25.3
Attendance at work- shops	82.5	75.7	86.7	81.1	82.4	82.6	83.8	82.2
Office subscriptions	63.5	41.5	62.7	53.5	48.9	1.99	66.2	57.7
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TABLE 20

PERCENTAGE OF INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING RELEASED TIME FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND SIZE OF AID PROGRAM

	TX	Type of Institution	stitutio	ď	Size of Aid Program	Aid P	rogram	
Activity	Private Private 4-year 2-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under 300	300-	0 ver 1000	All Respondents
Meetings within state	86.1	82.9	85.5	85.8	85.8	88.2	81.1	9*58
Meetings out-of-state	81.0	68.3	83.1	65.3	69.3	9.62	8.1.1	75.0
Coursework related to job	28.5	22.0	42.2	34.7	24.4	37.7	41.9	32.7
Outside professional activities	39.4	19.6	45.8	38.6	28.4	44.1	55.4	38.4
Attendance at work- shops	9.61	70.8	79.5	77.2	77.3	81.1	73.0	77.9



TABLE 21

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN VARIOUS TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND TIME IN PROFESSION

	A	Type of In	of Institution		Time in Profession	rofession	
I Professional activity	Private 4-year	Private Private 4-year 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Under l year	Over 3 years	All Respondents
Read aid newsletters							
regularly	90.5	85.4	92.8	0.68	70.7	94.4	6.68
Artend and association meetings	84.7	82.9	90.4	80.3	39.7	92.8	84.3
Follow progress of aid bills	74.5	61.0	85.5	62.2	44.8	79.4	71.4
Read "Chronicle of Higher Educ." or "Higher Educ.							
and National Affairs"	69.3	53.7	75.9	48.8	41.4	76.7	62.4
ACCRAO OF APGA	16.8	19.5	24.1	20.5	6.9	28.3	19.8
Participated in aid meeting (read paper,							
led discussion;	32.1	14.6	57.8	29.1	6.9	51.1	34.8
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IOI ald association Dubliched aid article	2.67	7.71	0 1 4	1 · C 7	•	0 4 0 4	2.8
Served as consultant	18.2	12.2		23.6	1.7	40.0	25,3
Held office in	7 4 6	ļ	94.9	4	1	30.6	15.7
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PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF PROFESSIONALIZATION--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION,
TIME IN PROFESSION, SIZE OF AID PROGRAM,
AND TYPE OF POSITION

	Degree of	Profession	alization
	Low	Medium	High
pe of institution		, - ,	
		56.9	12.4
Private 2-year	58.5	36.6	4.9
Public 4-year Public 2-year	18.1	42.2 47.2	
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me in profession			
	69.0	29.3	
-		56.0	
4	22.7 16.3	45.5 51.1	31.8 32.6
Over 5 years	10.3	51.1	32.0
ze of aid program			
Under 300 applicants	52.8	40.3	6.8
300-1000 applicants	22.8	66.1	11.0
ver 1000 applicants	4.1	40.5	55.4
pe of position			
Full-time	23.3	50.5	25.7
Part-time alone	48.9	45.9	5.2
Part-time with			
other staff	39.5	44.7	15.8
respondents	33.8	48.5	17.5



TABLE 23

PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS WHO RATE VARIOUS METHODS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS "VERY IMPORTANT"-BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND WITHIN A SELECT
GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL LEADERS

	T.	Type of In	Institution	ğ۱		
Method	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Professional leaders*	All Respondents
State meeting	61.0	78.6	72.3	63.8	75.0	66.2
Regional meeting	41.9	28.6	48.2	•	50.0	•
National meeting	15.4	9.5	14.5	•	•	•
National office						
(Exec. Secy.)	19.1	14.3	20.5	15.0	29.4	17.5
Code of ethical						
standards	44.9	35.7	45.8	42.5	54.4	43.3
Journal devoted to aid	33.1	28.6	α	•	52.9	•
Recommended set of creden-						
tials for aid officers	30.9	21.4	Ή.		•	•
Graduate training programs	28.7	26.2	37.3	33.9	42.6	32.0
Additional workshops	36.0	50.0	9		•	•

*Respondents who checked at least seven professional activities in question 12.



TABLE 24

PERCENTAGE OF ALD ADMINISTRATORS WHO RATE VARIOUS POTENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF A NATIONAL OFFICE AS "VERY IMPORTANT"--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION AND WITHIN A SELECT GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL LEADERS

	KI.	Type of Institution	stitutio	۲l		
Function	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Professional leaders*	All Respondents
Testify on federal bills	58.1	59.5	66.3	61.4	69.1	61.1
Report Washington activities	45.6	31.0	9.95	47.2	60.3	46.9
Represent the aid profession	61.0	52.4	67.5	26.7	60.3	60.1
Operate employment clearinghouse	14.0	11.9	10.8	11.0	16.2	12.1
Liaison with other professions	16.9	23.8	20.5	18.9	29.4	19.1
Advance professional development	27.2	26.2	39.8	31.5	39.7	31.2
Organize training activities	39.0	33.3	34.9	37.8	36.8	37.1

*Respondents who checked at least seven professional activities in question 12.



TABLE 25

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PERCENTAGE OF AID ADMINISTRATORS WHO JUDGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS SERVICE AND ETHICAL STANDARDS AS "VERY IMPORTANT"--BY TYPE OF INSTITUTION, AND WITHIN A SELECT
GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL LEADERS

	E E	Type of In	Institution	ន្ត		
Function	Private 4-year	Private 2-year	Public 4-year	Public 2-year	Professional leaders*	All Respondents
Professional relationships	29.4	33.3	34.9	30.7	44.1	31.4
Responsibility to students	83.1	78.6	80.7	80.3	6.08	81.2
Responsibility to the college	62.5	45.2	43.4	49.6	54.4	52.3
Relations with schools	28.7	16.7	27.7	34.6	47.1	29.1
Providing public information	27.2	21.4	31.3	33.9	30.9	29.6
Confidentiality of records	55.1	47.6	9.95	26.7	63.2	55.2
Relationships with donors	42.6	31.0	34.9	44.1	41.2	40.2

* Respondents who checked at least seven professional activities in question 12.

TABLE 26

PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS INDICATING THE MOST NEEDED STEP IN FURTHFRING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS

Recommendations	Respondents		
	Frequency	Percent	
Graduate Program	4.5		
in aid administration	45	11.6	
Continuation of training workshops and programs	44	11.3	
Educate faculty and other administrators on the role of the financial aid administrator	43	11.1	
Improve communication to community, parents, students and donors	16	4.1	
Credentials for entrance into the field	14	3.6	
Various response	97	25.0	
No response	129	33.2	



APPENDIX B



August 20, 1971

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Student Financial Aid of Institutions

of Higher Education in the SASFAA Region

FROM: O. Wayne Chambers, Assistant Director of Financial

Aid, The University of Tennessee

SUBJECT: SASFAA Survey on Professional Development

Enclosed is a questionnaire to gain information about the professional development of student financial aid directors of institutions of higher education in the nine southern states that make up the SASFAA Region. Will you please take about twenty minutes of your time to complete and return the questionnaire according to the directions. Your responses will be held in confidence.

This questionnaire, with exception of questions 16-23, was used with the permission of the College Entrance Examination Board which developed it for use in an earlier survey in the Western Region. Sole responsibility for this survey, however, rests with the SASFAA Survey Committee.

Please return the questionnaire by September 1, 1971. The results of the survey are scheduled for release at the 1972 Annual SASFAA Meeting in February. Thank you for your usual fine cooperation.

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Enclosure



APPENDIX C



Higher Education Survey

Institution___

①	DIRECTIONS: These questions should assumes doy-to-day aperational resp Financial Aid on your campus. Pleopossible. Give the best judgment you answer in the "comment" space. Cany question. Please return by Septem How long here you worked in Financial Aid? Years Months	onsibility for the administration of ase answer each question if at all a can and, if you wish, explain any all callect (615) 974-3131 to clarify aber 1. What is the nature of your responsibility in determining eid policies on your campus?	In whet ways do you prefer to keep current? Assume all are available, and check those you would likely use. Occasional coursework
2	Approximately how many Aid applicants does your office handle in a year?	Primerily responsible	Check the most useful topics for inclusion in workshops — (A) to trein new Aid Officers, and (B) to keep experienced officers current. (Merk both columns.) (A) New (B) Old
③ •	Whet was your major responsibility one year ago? At this college: Same position as now	Very I He'l A Useful Course Oate Processing	Officers Hands Office procedures . () () Research methods . () () Trends in education . () () Preparing reports () () Record systems () () Research findings () () Status of Aid bills . () () Interview techniques . () () Recent Aid litereture () () Need enelyses () () Personnel Administration ()
	Part-time Aid Administration with Aid professionals under me () Part-time Aid Administration with no other Aid professionals in this office	tation are desirable for New Aid Officers? Which did you have? Oesirable Hed Job Responsibilities() () Limits of Authority () ()	/
5	To support professional development of Aid Officers, does your institution provide released time end pey expenses for the following? (Check if yes) Release Pey Time Expenses	Institutional Policies . () () Office Administration . () () Overview of Yeerly Work () () Progrem Procedures () () Minority/Poverty Issues () () Reletions with Other Offices () () Procedures Menuel () () Ideally, what is the best way for new Aid Officers to get practical experience?	Read Aid newsletters regularly() Attend Aid association meetings () Perticipated in Aid meeting (read paper, led discussion) () Follow progress of Aid bills () Read "Chronicle of Higher Education" or "Higher Education and Netional Affairs" () Attended ACAC, AACRAO, or APGA () Committee work for Aid assoc () Published erticle on Aid () Served as consultant off-campus ()



	In the next 3 questions rate each alternative	: 1-Very Important, 2-Imp	ortent, 3-Not So Importa	nt
(13)	in developing the Financial Aid pro- fession, how important do you rate each of the following?		tional office (Executive important do you rate ring functions?	The following issues concern professional service and ethics. Which most need discussion and standards?
	Rata each: 1, 2, or 3.	Rata sach: 1, 2, o	r 3.	Rate sech: 1, 2, or 3.
	Stata Meeting	Report Washingto Represent the Aid Operate amploym Liaison with othe Advance profession	bills() In activities() I profession() ent clearinghouse () r professions() and development .() activities()	Professional relationships () Responsibility to students () Responsibility to the college () Relations with schools () Providing public information () Confidentiality of records () Relationships with donors ()
(16)	What is the highest degree you have	earned?		
"	• •		Date co	ompleted
Ė	, Masters Major		Date co	ompleted
	i Doctors Major		Date co	ompleted
(1)	Are you presently enrolled in a degree program? () yes () no. If yes, degree for which you are working Major	Do you plan to degree in the factor of program Major	No n?	Should there by a graduote squee program with a major in aid administration in our region? [1 Yes [1 No
20	What is your age? 1 21-24 146-50 1 25-30 151-55 1 31-35 156-60 1 36-40 1 Over 60 1 41-45 Sex - Male 1 Femole	in aid matters? { } President { } Dean of S { } Dean of A { } Chief Bus	tudents	What is your current onnual salary? Under \$7,000 \$7,000 to \$8,500 \$8,501 to \$10,000 \$10,001 to \$12,000 \$12,001 to \$14,000 \$14,001 to \$16,000 Over \$16,000
23	Do you fovor a National Convention for	or financial aid administ	rators? ! ! Yes	. I No
21	In your judgment what is the single i professional development of Financial		thering the	
	COMMENTS: Use this space to	explain any answer		
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	Use stomped self-addressed envelope	provided Return to:	O. Wayne Cham SASFAA Study D The University of 816 Volunteer Bo Knoxville, Tenner	irector Tennessee pulevord



APPENDIX D



Alabama

Alabama Christian College Alabama State University Alverson-Draughon College Athens College Auburn University Birmingham Southern College Daniel Payne College Enterprise State Junior College Faulkner State Junior College Florence State University Gadsden State Junior College George C. Wallace State Tech. Junior College Huntingdon College Jacksonville State University Jefferson Davis State Junior College Jefferson State Junior College Livingston University Marion Institute Miles College Mobile College Mobile State Junior College Northwest Alabama State Junior College Oakwood College Patrick Henry State Junior College Saint Bernard College Southern Union State Junior College Spring Hill College Stillman College T.A. Lawson State Junior College Talladega College Troy State University Tuskegee Institute University of Alabama, Birmingham Campus University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Campus

University of South Alabama Walker College

Florida

Barry College Bethune-Cookman College Brevard Community College Broward Community College Chipola Junior College Daytona Beach Community College Edison Junior College Florida A & M University Florida Institute of Technology Florida Junior College at Jacksonville Florida Keys Community College Florida Memorial College Florida Presbyterian Florida Southern College Florida State University Florida Technological University Gainesville Junior College Gulf Coast Community College Hillsborough Community College Indian River Community College Jacksonville University Jones College Lake City Community College Lake-Sumter Community College Manatee Junior College Miami-Dade Junior College, North Miami-Dade Junior College, South North Florida Community College Okaloosa-Walton Junior College Palm Beach Atlantic College Palm Beach Junior College Rollins College Saint Johns River Junior College Saint Leo College Saint Petersburg Junior College Saint Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater Campus University of Montevallo Santa Fe Junior College



Florida Cont'd.

Seminole Junior College
South-Eastern Bible College
Stetson University
Tall assee Community College
University of Florida
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of West Florida

Georgia

Abraham Baldwin College Albany Junior College Albany State College Armstrong State College Atlanta Baptist College Atlanta School of Art Atlanta University Augusta College Berry College Brenau College Brunswick Junior College Clayton Junior College Columbus College Dalton Junior College Dekalb College East Central Junior College Emmanuel College **Emory University** Floyd Junior College Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Southern College Georgia Southwestern College Georgia State University Gordon Military College Kennesaw Junior College La Grange College Macon Junior College Medical College of Georgia Mercer University Middle Georgia College

Morehouse College Morris Brown College North Georgia College North Georgia Technical and Vocational School Oglethorpe College Paine College Piedmont College Reinhardt College South Georgia College Southern School of Pharmacy Southern Technical Institute Swainsbow Area Vocational and Technical School Tift College Toccoa Falls Institute Valdosta State College Waycross-Ware County Area Vocational-Technical School Wesleyan College West Georgia College Young Harris College

Kentucky

Ashland Community College Berea College Brescia College Campbellsville College Centre College of Kentucky Cumberland College Eastern Kentucky University Elizabethtown Community College Kentucky State Lexington Technical Institute Murray State University Northern Kentucky State College Prestonsburg Community College Saint Catharine College Southeast Community College Spalding College Sue Bennett College Sullivan Business College Thomas More College



Kentucky Cont'd.

Transylvania University
Union College
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
Western Kentucky University

Mississippi

Blue Mountain College Copiah-Lincoln Junior College Delta State College East Mississippi Junior College Hinds Junior College Holmes Junior College Jackson State College Jones County Junior College Mary Holmes College Meridian Junior College Millsaps College Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College Mississippi Industrial College Mississippi State College for Women Mississippi State University Mississippi Valley State College Natchez Junior College Northwest Junior College Pearl River Junior College Prentiss Institute Rust College Saints Junior College Tougaloo College University of Mississippi University of Southern Mississippi Utica Junior College Whitworth College William Carey College Wood Junior College

North Carolina

Applachian State University Atlantic Christian College Barber-Scotia College Bennett College Brevard College Cape Fear Technical Institution Carteret Technical Institution Catawba College Catawba Valley Technical Institution Central Carolina Technical Institution Central Piedmont Community College Chowan College Davidson College Davidson County Community College Durham College Durham Technical Institute East Carolina University Elon College Forsyth Technical Institute Gardner Webb College Greensboro College Guilford College Guilford Technical Institute High Point College Holding Technical Institute Isothermal Community College King's College Lees-McRae College Lenoir Community College Louisburg College Mars Hill College Mount Olive College Nash Technical Institute North Carolina State University Peace College Pembroke State University Pfeiffer College Randolph Technical Institute Rockingham Community College Rowan Technical Institute



North Carolina Cont'd.

Sacred Heart College Saint Andrews Presbyterian College Saint Augustine's College Sandhills Community College Shaw University Surry Community College Technical Institute of Alamance Tri-County Technical Institute University of North Carolina at Asheville University of North Carolina at Charlotte University of North Carolina at Greensboro University of North Carolina at Wilmington Wake Forest University Warren Wilson College Wayne Community College Western Carolina University Western Piedmont Community College Wilkes Community College Wilson County Technical Institute Winston Salem State University

South Carolina

Benedict College
Central Wesleyan College
Claflin College
Clinton Junior College
Coastal Carolina Junior
College
Erskine College
Florence-Darlington Technical
Institute
Francis Marion College

Furman University Horry-Georgetown Technical Institute Lander College Limestone College Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Midlands Technical Education Center Newberry College Palmer College Piedmont Technical Institute South Carolina State College Southern Methodist College Spartanburg Junior College University of South Carolina, Beaufort University of South Carolina, Columbia University of South Carolina, Lancaster University of South Carolina, Salkenhatchie University of South Carolina, Spartanburg University of South Carolina, Union Winthrop College Wofford College York Technical Institute

Tennessee

Aquinas Junior College
Austin Peay
Belmont College
Bethel College
Bryan College
Carson-Newman College
Chattanooga State Technical
Institute
Christian Brothers College
Cleveland State Community
College
Columbia State



Tennessee Cont'd.

Cumberland College Dyersburg State East Tennessee State University Edmondson College Fisk University Free Will Baptist Bible College Freed-Hardeman Henderson Business College Hiwassee College Jackson State Community College King College Lambuth College Lane College Lee College LeMoyne-Owen College Lincoln Memorial University Martin College Maryville College McKenzie College Meharry Medical College Memphis State University Middle Tennessee State University Mid-South Bible College Milligan College Morristown College Motlow State Community College Nashville State Technical Institute Peabody College Roane State Community College Scarritt College Siena College Southern Missionary College Southwestern at Memphis State Technical Institute Steed College Tennessee State University Tennessee Tech Tennessee Wesleyan College

Trevecca Nazarene College Tusculum College Union University University of the South University of Tennessee, Chattanooga University of Tennessee, Knoxville University of Tennessee, University of Tennessee Nashville University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis Vanderbilt University Volunteer State Community College Walters State Community College

<u>Virginia</u>

Averett College Blue Ridge Community College Bluefield College Bridgewater College Central Virginia Community College Christopher Newport College Clinch Valley College College of William and Mary Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Eastern Mennonite College Eastern Shore Community College Emory and Henry College Ferrum Junior College George Mason College Germanna Community College Hampden-Sydney College Hampton Institute Hollins College John Tyler Community College Longwood College



Virginia Cont'd.

Lord Fairfax Community College Lynchburg College Madison College Mary Baldwin College New River Community College Norfolk State College Northern Virginia Community College, Central Campus Northern Virginia Community College, East Campus Old Dominion University Paul D. Camp Community College Presbyterian School of Christian Education Radford College Randolph-Macon College Randolph-Macon Woman's College Richard Bland College Roanoke College Saint Paul's College Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music Southside Virginia Community College Southwest Virginia Community College Stratford College Sweet Briar College Thomas Nelson Community College Tidewater Community College University of Richmond University of Virginia Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Highlands Community College Virginia Intermont Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Virginia Union University Virginia Wesleyan College Virginia Western Community College Washington and Lee University

